

DISTRICT ADVISORY BOARD (DAB) I

MEETING MINUTES

Wednesday, November 3, 2008

6:30 p.m.

Atwater Community Center, 2755 E. 19th, Wichita, Kansas 67214

Members Present

Council Member Lavonta Williams
Treatha Brown-Foster
Gerald Domotrovic
Lori Lawrence
Tythan Miles
Debra Miller-Stevens
Janice Rich
Steve Roberts
Benjamin Stiff
James Thompson
Adam Thomsen
Janet Wilson
Gail Finney*

Guests

Dale Churchman, 1357 S Broadway
Vicki Churchman, 1357 S Broadway
JoAnn Hartig, 1756 S Main
John Stevens, 3125 E Boston
Nicole Tomsen
Nisk Estrabar
Mary Jo Bond, 4024 Charron
Beverly Domotrovic, 1219 GW Drive
Jeff Best, 2129 S Milstead
James Roseboro, 4518 Greenbriar
Glen Dey, 4515 Greenbriar
Shontina Tipton, PO Box 78118

**Alternate*

City of Wichita Staff Present

Fire Marshal Ed Bricknell, Fire Department
Officer Hinnners, Beat 35, Wichita Police Department
Officer Weber, Beat 44, Wichita Police Department
Officer Kimble, Beat 47, Wichita Police Department
Lt. Heimerman, Patrol South, Wichita Police Department
Karen Walker, Park and Recreation
Mark Stanberry, Housing and Community Service
Scott Knebel, Public Works
Deb Legge, Office of Central Inspection
Julie Irvin, Office of Central Inspection
Harlan Bascombe, Office of Central Inspection
LaShonda Porter, Neighborhood Assistant

Order of Business

Call to Order

Council Member Williams called the meeting to order at 6:35 p.m. and welcomed the guests.

Approval of Minutes

Roberts (Thomsen) made a motion to approve the minutes as submitted. Motion carried **11:0**

Approval of Agenda

Roberts (Thomsen) made a motion to approve the agenda as revised – to correct the spelling of Nicole Thomsen. Motion carried **11:0**

CM Williams thanked everyone for coming and asked that if anyone chose to speak that they state their name and address for the record. **CM Williams** also recognized and thanked the Board for their attendance.

Public Agenda

1. Agenda Items

Nicole Thomsen, Librarian – Isley Traditional Magnet provided the Board with information on their upcoming book fair that would be hosted at the Barnes & Noble at Bradley Fair. **Thomsen** noted that this is the first book fair of this type for Isley Traditional Magnet and invited everyone to come out and share in the experience. She noted that the event will take place on December 5th from 4:30 p.m. – 8:30 p.m. and this would be a great opportunity to purchase some great Christmas gifts.

Thomsen advised that there will be some special attractions including Clifford, Principals and Teachers reading aloud, a scavenger hunt, a sneak peek of Christmas Music performance, Horse-drawn carriage rides and gift wrapping will be done by the PTO.

Thomsen advised that a percentage of the proceeds from this event will be to Isley Traditional Magnet and any support the Board, district and community to provide to support this event would be appreciated. **Thomsen** thanked the Board for their time.

The **Board** thanked Thomsen for her presentation.

Action Taken: Receive and file.

2. Off Agenda Items

No items submitted.

Staff Reports

3. Police Report

Officer Hinnners, Beat 35 provided an update on behalf of Officer Mackey. **Hinnners** noted that Officer Mackey is working on some clubs with the Teen Club at 2734 Boulevard Plaza. Officer Mackey and team set up a special assignment Sunday night but found that the club was not over capacity so the special assignment was cancelled. Some of the concerns they are seeing in this area also include an increase in noise and trash. **Hinnners** advised that Office Mackey was unable to attend this evening due to a community meeting with Sunnyside Neighborhood Association discussing the concerns regarding this club.

Hinnners noted that this year Patrol East hosted their 2nd Annual Halloween in the Park and they served approximately 200-250 kids within one hour and half. **Hinnners** noted that the marketing increased this year and their hopes are as the years continue they will continue to attract more youth.

CM Williams asked if Officer Mackey could report back the results of the community meeting.

Officer Weber, Beat 44 advised that a special assignment was conducted to address the burglaries that were occurring and from the special assignment they have arrested two suspects.

Weber also noted that there was a homicide that occurred at 1300 N. Madison – one person was shot and killed and was shot in the leg and survived. **Weber** noted that they had no one in custody and this is an on-going investigation.

CM Williams asked if the Police Department had received any nuisance or disturbance calls prior to the shooting occurring. **Weber** stated he wasn't sure but he confirmed there was a party at the location. **Officer Kimble** added that he was on call that evening and heard the call and confirmed that there were no nuisance or disturbance calls prior to the shooting.

Weber also advised of another homicide at 1643 N. Hydraulic. He noted that this was a domestic situation where a female stabbed her significant other three times and he died from the injuries. The female is in custody.

Weber informed the Board that he is working on setting up more Neighborhood Watches in District 1 and has currently completed two and is now working on the third. He noted that they are trying to get a Neighborhood Watch started at the Sunflower Apartments, but this has been a little challenging.

Weber advised that they are also having some issues at the apartments at 15th & Spruce. He noted that the buildings have several housing code violations and they have been placard and that once the tenants move out of the apartments no one else will be able to move in.

Wilson wanted to know if the homicide at 1300 N. Madison was a house party. **Weber** advised yes.

Lawrence asked what happens if new tenants move into the apartments at 15th & Spruce, who monitors this? **Weber** advised that it is there responsibility to stay on top of these apartments. He noted that if someone moves in OCI cannot force them out they have to go through the entire court process.

CM Williams asked if he could give an update on the vandalism that occurred at Piatt Park. **Weber** advised that 5 benches had been damaged and the Park Department is looking into the cost to repair them. **Weber** also mentioned that they believe it was some kids who vandalized the benches and that they are talking to the neighbors to educate them on how and when to contact the Police.

Officer Kimble, Beat 47 advised that he would give an update on behalf of Officer Award and himself. He noted that Officer Ward has been working with Officer Gerdes on the burglaries. Additionally, he is also getting prepared for the holidays and getting information out to the businesses about safety as he has many businesses on his beat. **Kimble** also noted that Officer Ward is still working with Woodgate Apartments to address the issues noted last month.

Kimble advised that on his beat an Officer was involved in an incident with suspected burglars, the burglar shot at Officers and two suspects have been arrested. **Kimble** also

noted that they are still having issues at 25th & Chautauqua. He noted that they are having issues with disturbances, shots fired, and gang member congregation.

Kimble he also noted that he is working with Matlock NA and they recently went door-to-door, letting them know what was going on how to contact Police and provided information about the Neighborhood Association including there meeting times.

Kimble also advised that they are having issues with parking at Gordon Parks Academy. He noted that they are have issues with parents parking illegally which is causing disturbances and arguments. **Kimble** noted that they may have move a cross walk to remedy the problem, but for right now the school has agreed to place cones on the north side of the street to prohibit parking when school lets out.

Kimble also mention that the concession stands at Grove Park have been burglarized and money was stolen.

CM Williams asked if there were any damages because of the burglaries. **Kimble** responded yes.

Brown-Foster stated there is also parking issues at Grove and this is a big problem.

Kimble advised that last year the Park Department created temporary parking to address this issue. **Kimble** noted that he would follow up with Parks and see if that is something they could accommodate.

Brown-Foster also presented the Board with a letter regarding a citizen who was petitioning her neighborhood to allow her to have 6 dogs (pit-bulls). **Brown-Foster** was insistent that this could not happen and that she had spoke with Kay Johnson – Environmental Services Director and would like for staff to evaluate this situation and have the homeowner brought into compliance with the city ordinance.

Kimble stated that he has reviewed the letter and the first three dogs she listed are service dogs. He also noted that he would go by and talk with the individual about the issues, provide her with a copy of the ordinance and give her hopefully two weeks to come into compliance. After that time he would follow up and proceed according to his findings.

CM Williams noted that she would like to have a meeting in two weeks to discuss these issues, as well as, the issues occurring in the 2500 block of Chautauqua. **Kimble** responded no problem.

Lawrence asked Kimble if her family was in danger as the live at 25th & Lorraine and for the 2nd month in the row he has reported issues. **Kimble** advised that if her family or neighbor is seeing suspicious or activity that is out of character that they should report this information to the Police.

Lawrence followed up with a question regarding the SRO at Gordon Parks – she wanted to if they had one and who it was. **Kimble** advised that Mike Johnson is the SRO that covers both Brooks and Gordon Parks. **Lawrence** then asked if he had any information on the issues that were occurring at school, as she was informed that some parents have

been taking their children out of the school because of some of the negative behaviors that have been occurring. **Kimble** advised that he has spoke with the Principal and she has not informed him of any issues at the school. He advised that if there are any concerns they can contact him or get the information to the principal. He also noted that he would get back with the Principal to see if something new has occurred.

Brown-Foster noted that the Principal is overwhelmed with the new school and that a possible meeting should be had that includes Kim Burkhalter – she is responsible for the accountability for USD 259.

CM Williams congratulated Officer Kimble on his recognition for the 2008 Champions of Respect.

Lt. Scott Heimerman advised that they have seen a large spike in car larcenies in Old Town and the core area. He advised that citizens need to be aware and not leave items visible in the car seats as this attracts these types of larcenies. **Heimerman** noted that have also seen theft in delivery type vans as the thief's are using them to break into businesses and steal copper. Once they have gotten the copper they then leave the vans parked somewhere.

CM Williams asked how the hotel/motel meeting went that was held last week.

Heimerman advised that they have been have some issues with compliance and they have tried to get the hotel/motels to cooperate – but many of them did not so they begin to really crack down on compliance.

Porter added that over 14 hotel/motel owners were in attendance. In addition to the owners the State was also in attendance and they to are cracking down of the owners. They are requiring that they have someone on staff 24 hours/7 days a week to assist Police with issues when have to come to the establishment. They also informed them they will begin closing down rooms if they are inspected and they are not in compliance. Another concern they have is when the arena is built tourist will end up in these hotels and this is not a good representation of or for Wichita.

Action Taken: Receive and file.

4. Fire Report

Ed Bricknell, Fire Department advised that Arduina was hit by a hard storm last week and many people got trapped and we went down and rescued them. Because of our efforts we receive tom McCoy Award.

Bricknell provided an update on the fires that occurred in District 1:

- 2301 E. Douglas had a bathroom fire, three youths were captured
- 3116 S Bennett a gentleman (60) started his car and the engine caught fire – this result in his death
- 1932 N Green an arson caused \$5k in damages
- 1302 S Francis experienced two fires in one week
- 2333 N Woodlawn hallway was set on fire causing \$5k in damages
- 730 S Topeka - vacant house fire
- 1332 N Estelle – electrical fire, \$60K in damages
- 2231 N Kansas – smoking in bed causing \$30K in damages

Bricknell noted that 10/5 – 10/11 Fire Prevention week went well.

Brown-Foster wanted to know if Sedgwick County still gave out free batteries for fire detectors. **Bricknell** advised yes that they gave out 900 batteries over the weekend and that he had about 5 remaining.

Thompson wanted to know if the 9-1-1 issue had been addressed. **Bricknell** advised that he was not certain. **Porter** advised that at the District 1 Breakfast on Saturday, Chief Blackwell advised that they have addressed some of the issues but not all and that they are continually looking at the system.

Action Taken: Receive and file.

New Business

5. Neighborhood Inspection Presentation

Deb Legge, Julie Irvin, and Harlan Bascombe, Office of Central Inspection presented information on the condemnations, vacant and neglected buildings registration program and abatements for 2008.

Legge advised that she would be reporting on condemnations for 2008. She advised that:

- 61 new cases were initiated
- 15 old cases carried over from 2007
76 total cases
- **54** properties were demolished city-wide and of those demolished 44 came from District 1 (81%)
- **9** properties were repaired and of those repaired properties 7 came from District 1 (78%)
- **13** demolitions are pending for District 1

There were 76 total condemnation cases in 2008 and we expect that they we will have just as many in 2009.

Irvin provided an update on the vacant and neglected buildings and its progress since the new ordinances passed in 2006. She advised that:

- 994 vacant and neglected building cases were started
- 515 were closed – 441 (86%) were repaired and 74 (14%) were raised

Irvin noted that since 2006 we there has been approximately 345 owners who have registered their properties on the vacant and neglected building registry.

Irvin also noted that currently there are 170 active cases. She noted that District I statistics were as follows: 49.6% compliance; 53.3% compliance in Beat 44. She also noted that out of the 641 cases that were closed, 341 (50%) were from District 1.

Irvin noted they have implemented the penalties for the non-registered properties and District 1 has 153 cases now in penalty stages. She noted that they are now turning them over to collections in hopes they will get the owners to respond.

Thomsen wanted to know if the properties were mainly rental or owner occupied. **Irvin** advised that most of them are owner occupied.

Thompson advised that he has been trying to get something done with this property that has been vacant for 25-28 years and wanted to know if there was anything he could do. **Irvin** asked that Thompson give her a call at work at 268-4431.

Harlan Bascombe presented information on neighborhood inspection. He advised that there has been a personnel change on Beat 43 the new inspector is Dwight Asher and he is currently in training, schedule to be full time out of Atwater in the coming weeks.

Bascombe provided statistics that represented cases from January 1st through October 31st:

- 4,953 nuisance cases started
- 3,020 cases closed
- 189 were abated
- 2,445 tall grass and weeds cases were started, of that 2,349(96%) were closed
- 1,384 (59%) of the cases closed had to be abated by the city

Bascombe also advised that staff has worked on an inoperable vehicle sweeps in several parts of the City. He noted working with WPD they were able to identify 80 inoperable vehicles and property owners were notified and vehicles were stickered. During the first project there were 27 vehicles towed; 3 citations and 53 vehicles brought into compliance.

Bascombe noted that the second sweep occurred in the Plainview area and there 128 inoperable vehicles were identified; 8 were towed and 120 were brought into compliance.

Bascombe noted a third project was conducted in northwest Wichita and 70 inoperable vehicles were identified and they were all brought into compliance except for 1 vehicle that had to be towed. Overall, there were 278 vehicles brought into compliance from the three projects.

Bascombe noted that another sweep is scheduled for the northeast community in the near future and 140 inoperable vehicles have been targeted.

Wilson noted that people have been removing stickers from the vehicle and that she also had a concern because the inspectors were going into backyards to sticker vehicles. She wanted to know if that was appropriate.

Bascombe stated that if a vehicle is in violation the inspector has the authority to sticker the vehicle, as long as the vehicle is not enclosed by a fence. He noted that if they are storing a vehicle it still must be operable.

Brown-Foster wanted to know who was responsible for trash dumped in the streets. **Bascombe** stated that if it is on the public right of way it was a Police issue and that if it made it to private property it is property owner's responsibility. He noted that the inspectors do not have jurisdiction in the street.

Finney wanted to know who was responsible for bags of dumped trash. **Bascombe** stated that the inspectors should be notified and if they can identify where the trash came from they will send a notice of violation to the owner of the trash. However, if they are not able to identify the owner the property owner will then be responsible for removal.

Thompson asked Legge if she could send him the stats she spoke of early. **Legge** advised that she would send to Porter for distribution to the Board.

Wilson also commented that the private contractors for the grass are horrible and that they are butchering the grass when they cut it, she wanted to know who could address that issue.

Bascombe advised that we bid those contracts out and the cost will increase significantly if we

require additional maintenance so we have to be cognizant of that we issue the request for proposal. **Legge** added that we tighten up the specs to include specific requirements: 1) don't blow grass into the streets; 2) weed eat around the property; and 3) no Mohawks causing the yards to look butchered. **Wilson** responded that the grass cutting has gotten better.

Thomsen wanted to know what we could do about the habitual offenders. **Bascombe** advised that there are some constitutional issues so we must be careful. Additionally, he noted that they only issue notice one time a year in regards to cutting the grass. If the City cuts the grass once, then they will not send additional notices they will just cut the grass and bill the owner through their property taxes for the services.

Action Taken: Receive and file.

6. PROS Plan

Karen Walker, Assistant Director - Park Department presented information on the draft of the Strategic Master Plan for Wichita's parks, recreational opportunities and open spaces. She noted that the process started about 15-16 months ago with the participation of more than 2,900 residents. There were 9 community meetings held, a week long presentation at the River fest, a mail out survey, and an online survey was conducted.

She noted that the final has a lot of ideas and it represents a vision of Parks, recreation, and open space. It recognizes the central role of Wichita's park and recreation system to building community, quality of life, and enhancing the local economy. **Walker** noted that the final plan has a lot of ideas and has a cost of \$500M for the total plan – but that is only if we did everything listed in the plan. She noted that the plan will guide our community in next steps.

Walker noted that staff is asking for final input and that she was turning the presentation over to Marla Flenjte as she would highlight the important pieces of the plan.

Flenjte noted that she would give the bird's eye view of the project. She noted that approximately 3,000 citizens participated in the process and from the discussions and meetings the following items were highlighted:

- high value for Parks and Recreation
- the City is one of multiple providers
- the citizens wanted more resources in parks
- better maintenance of current parks and facilities
- better trail conditions
- more close to home services
- more funding for parks

Flenjte noted that there is a lot of aging infrastructure in our parks and we must address. She noted that some of the major recommendations include:

- reinvest in existing facilities
- a city park within 1 mile of every resident
- a neighborhood center within 2 miles of every resident
- create high demand recreation programs
- expanded and connected trails
- renovated swimming pools
- options for funding

Flenjte also noted that the neighborhood centers of the future should 1) focus on program improvements; 2) make minor upgrades first; 3) make some long term investments. She also noted that future park development included 8 new sites and upgrades to the 10 existing sites.

Flenjte noted that the maintenance area was a big issue and that the results show that we need to rethink park maintenance priorities; allocate more resources to building and park maintenance and invest in sites, fleet and staff. She also noted that for existing park projects the cost would be \$262M and new park projects would cost \$243M.

Brown-Foster wanted to know about the addition of the dog park at Grove Park. She notes that she thought that this was already in the making with the new shelter. **Flenjte** confirmed yes that was correct. **Brown-Foster** followed and asked are we also getting new equipment for the park. **Flenjte** responded that she would have to refer to Park and Recreation and get back to her. **Scott Knebel – Planning Department** informed he that yes the park was getting new equipment.

Brown-Foster then asked what the description of improvements meant on the report provided to the Board. **Flenjte** advised that in the plan there are standards that the parks must meet and that you could review the standards in the detail of the plan on-line.

Miller-Stevens asked if there was any particular funding being pursued. **Flenjte** advised that finding the funding source is the role of the City Council. She noted that based on our form of government, once the City Council approves the plan, the Park Board will prioritize the projects and try to get the items scheduled in the budget and CIP.

Thomsen asked if high schools were considered park and recreation. **Flenjte** stated no.

Lawrence wanted to know if the Parks Department could partner with the neighborhoods. **Flenjte** noted yes.

Thompson wanted to know who has the responsibility of naming the Parks. **Flenjte** stated the City Council.

JoAnn Hartig, 1756 S Main, stated that she lives in the core area and the core area is being left. She noted that there was no recreation center between 13th to Pawnee.

Vicki Churchman, 1357 S. Broadway stated a bike path was needed on the east side.

Larry Roos, 114 N Estelle noted that Grove Park has a beautiful stretch for a bike path.

Action Taken: Brown-Foster motion to approve adoption by the City Council as an element of the Wichita-Sedgwick County Comprehensive Plan. Roberts 2nd the motion. Motion passed (11:0).

7. Bus Shelter Artwork

Michelle Stroot, City Manager's Office presented the information of the designs for the bus shelters along 21st Street. The five designs were created by North High School and Northeast High School. The Public Art for the five bus shelters will be located at:

1. Northwest corner of 21st and Chautauqua
2. Northwest corner of 21st and Erie
3. Northwest corner of 21st and Southbound Opportunity Drive
4. Northeast corner of 21st and Kansas
5. Southwest corner of 25th and Grove

Stroot noted that both Council Members Williams and Council Member Fearey both participate in meetings which have moved this project forward to this point at which we are presenting the proposed designs to you.

Stroot noted that the anticipated completion of the project is scheduled for January 2009.

Thomsen wanted to know if the designs will cover the full shelter. **Sheryl Lindstrom, Northeast High** commented that yes they would cover the full shelter.

CM Williams stated that we thought this was a great form of art to put on our streets. The bus schedule will also be included in the shelters.

Stroot also is the city paying each school for the shelter.

Action Taken: Receive and file.

8. Inwood Crossings – Housing Tax Credit Project

Mark Stanberry, Housing & Community Service presented information on the 2nd phase of the Inwood Crossing project. He noted that the City has received a request from LDG Development, for a City Council resolution of support for an application for Housing Tax Credits in connection with the development of the Inwood Crossings Senior Apartments, to be located at 3540 N. Inwood.

Stanberry noted that the project proposed by LDG involves construction of an apartment complex at 3540 N. Inwood, on a site immediately north of the Inwood Crossings Apartment Complex, which is currently under construction. Upon completion, the new complex will offer 40 two-bedroom apartments and 10 one-bedroom apartments for a total of 50-units, which will be made available to senior citizens, age 55 and older. Amenities will include a clubhouse/community room, and according to the site plan, landscaped walking paths.

Stanberry noted that the City's HTC Policy requires a set-aside of 20% of the units for market-rate tenants LDG is seeking a waiver of this requirement, as the apartment community will serve only senior citizens, a special needs population. The City's policy provides for a waiver of the market-rate unit requirement when HTC apartments projects will serve special needs populations. Thus, the project is eligible for waiver.

Stanberry advised that this item is scheduled to go before the City Council on December 2nd and that staff is recommending approval.

Tim Austion, POE & Associates advised that this is the 2nd phase of the Inwood Crossing project and the new building will match up well with the 1st building that is currently being constructed. He noted that the site plan has been reviewed by OCI and the Planning Department.

Thomsen noted that the current complex will have 260 apartments, in addition to the newly proposed 50 properties for the senior complex. These buildings are huge and are an eyesore for our community and I believe this is just too much for the neighborhood.

Miller-Stevens wanted to know if this complex would restrict seniors from moving into the other site, and if all residents in the senior complex had to be 55 and older. **Austin** advised no, the apartment complex would not restrict seniors from moving into the complex. He stated that however, the senior complex would not allow anyone to live on the premises that were not 55 and older. They senior complex would not allow children or anyone under the age of 55 to live on the premises. **Miller-Stevens** then wanted to understand if the senior site would be converted to regular apartments if they did not get enough renters. **Stanberry** advised that the tax credit is typically for 15 years and they would have to remain a senior site for life of the tax credit.

Roberts wanted to know the parcel size. **Austin** advised that both parcels were about 23.3 acres and that the senior site was roughly nine acres but it includes the detention pond.

Thomsen asked if the senior facility would have on site management. **Austin** advised yes during the day. **Thomsen** followed up with a comment regarding the mowing of the site under construction – that is and has been a major issue. He noted that he believed LDG should be a better neighbor to the community. **Austin** advised that when the issue was brought up last time someone immediately went out and ensured that the grass was cut. He also noted that anytime the community has an issue or complaint that should contact Weigand Omega at 262-2442 so that it can be immediately addressed. **Nick Esterline** with **Landmark Commercial** advised that they could also contact him and that his name and phone number is posted on the site.

James Roseboro, 4518 N Greenbriar wanted to know how old the residents had to be at the senior center – and if this would turn into a young's people complex and where the water run-off would go. **Austin** advised that the complex will not have young adults moving into the complex and that the State and the property manager will manage the occupancy. He also noted that there was a detention pond on site that will handle the flow of water from the property.

John Stevens, 3125 E Boston commented that the structures are huge and wanted to know if any fire engineering had been incorporated into the development. **Austin** yes that we have sprinklers and the Fire Department has reviewed the plans and we are fully compliant.

Action Taken: Wilson motion to approve the recommendation based on the staff report. Brown-Foster 2nd the motion. Motion passed (10:1). Thomsen voted against request.

9. South Broadway Streetscapes – Kellogg to Gilbert Project

Scott Knebel, Planning Department presented information on the South Broadway streetscape for the north section, between Kellogg and Gilbert. He noted that the project was funding through the Community Develop Block Grant (CDBG). He introduced Jeff Best, from Law Kingdom who described the enhancements that would be included in the streetscape.

Best advised that the project had three goals: 1) increase existing lighting levels; 2) enhance street aesthetics with landscaping and 3) add landscape medians (south section only). He noted that the project budget was \$287,000 and construction is scheduled to begin in the spring of 2009.

Best advised that the proposed improvement between Kellogg and Gilbert includes upgrades existing (7) wood street light poles to black steel poles; adding one additional street light at Orme & Broadway; installing 19th period style light poles; adding columnar street trees in areas with minimum 5' width and remove existing pavers in median at Kellogg and add small ornamental trees and turf.

Best also advised that the proposed improvements between Pawnee and John Mack Bridge includes adding street light arms and fixtures to five existing power poles (west side), and two landscape median with turn lanes, landscaped medians shall have concrete pavers and three columnar trees each, adding small ornamental trees along east and west sides of Broadway and columnar trees in existing median at the John Mack Bridge.

Thomsen asked since they were putting in more lights was there going to be additional maintenance and energy cost. **Best** stated that Westar would get some of the cost and then City would get a portion of the cost – but they would incur cost for maintenance and energy.

Miller-Stevens commented that this will help us reduce some of our crime issues.

Vicki Churchman thanked CM Williams and Knebel for their work on this project.

Hartig commented that yes we do need the lights.

Action Taken: Roberts motion to approve the project. Thompson 2nd the motion. Motion passed (11:0).

Board Agenda

10. Updates, Issues, and Reports

Miller-Stevens noted that she reviewed the Cultural Arts proposal was shocked at the proposal and that it needed some structure and consistency. She also noted that she was surprised to see that we were spending so much for this program when we have staff shortages in both Police and Fire.

Brown-Foster noted that the City Council would issue a proclamation for Dorris Kerr at the Tuesday meeting. She also noted that NE Millair does not meet during the winter months.

CM Williams advised that she looking at the bridges that are up for consideration for closing – specifically on 10th Street over the canal and 15th Street near McAdams.

Hartig noted that there is a new grocery store coming at Harry and Main.

CM Williams advised of a new grocery store coming at 9th and Cleveland.

With no further business, **Roberts (Thomsen)** made a motion to adjourn. Motion carried 11-0. The meeting adjourned at 9:49 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,
LaShonda Porter
Neighborhood Assistant